

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification by amending the paragraph on Page 1 in lines 1 to 3 to read as follows:

The invention relates to a fuel filter for an internal combustion engine. ~~according to the preamble of Patent Claim 1.~~

Please amend the Specification by amending the paragraph on Page 2 in lines 4 to 5 to read as follows:

This problem is ~~achieved~~ solved by a generic fuel filter ~~having the characterizing features of Patent Claim 1.~~ according to the present invention.

Please amend the Specification by amending the paragraph on Page 2 in lines 6 to 7 to read as follows:

Advantageous and expedient embodiments are also the object of the ~~subclaims.~~ invention.